

NEGRO HERO MAY BE IN ROOSEVELT PARADE

Editor A. P. Shaw To Visit City

Negro Bank Hero May Be In Roosevelt Parade

Washington, Feb. 17th. (ANP) One of the most conspicuous members in the inaugural parade to President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, is expected to be the Oklahoma bank hero, H. C. McCormick. According to the parade specifications, McCormick will march in the second division of the parade which contains four divisions.

McCormick became a state wide hero when he frustrated the attempt of confederates of "Pretty boy" Floyd to hold up the First National bank of Boley. James Turner, president of the bank was killed. McCormick, concealing himself in the vault, opened fire on the four bandits and routed them.

His action won the praise of Gov. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray who awarded him a commission as a major on the governor's staff.

McCormick is the only Negro in the United States holding such a distinction.

The second division of the inaugural parade will be made up of the governors and their escorts. McCormick is expected to be among the escorts of Gov. Murray.

However, many colored marchers may be in other divisions.

The first division will consist of uniformed army units, the national guard and similar military units. Negro soldiers may be a part of this division.

The third division will have in its ranks patriotic and fraternal orders with a number of the uniformed ranks of colored orders in line.

The fourth division is to be composed of marching clubs. The states will select the organizations. Several states are expected to bring Negro units.

However, as a member of the governor's division, McCormick will be in a class by himself.

HAVEN RUST CLUB RENDERS PROGRAM

Thursday night, February 16th, the Haven Rust Club rendered a splendid program in the auditorium of the Wechsler High School, with Dr. H. W. Wilson master of ceremonies. A nice audience was present to partake of this wonderful program.

Those who appeared on program were: Misses Johnnie B. Mitchell, L. E. Prentice, Mrs. Myrtle White, Mr. A. G. Cranford and Prof. G. W. Oliver. All of the renditions were in keeping with Negro History week.

WHITE COUPLE AND COLORED WOMAN ARRESTED FOR PLOTTING MURDER

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 17, (ANP) But for the fact that she weakened, Mrs. Barbara Taggs would now be the murderess of Mrs. Annia Taulli, wife of Chas. Taulli, 22, of 117 North Hancock street, who with his sweetheart, Florence Garofolo, had engaged her to put Mrs. Taulli "out of the way" by the chloroform route.

Detectives secreted in the colored woman's home, 2701 N. Mantous street, heard Taulli berate her for not going through with the crime as promised. All three were arrested and held for preliminary hearing on February 14 with bail set at \$10,000 each.

Tuskegeeseans Sing for Hoover At White House

Washington, Feb. 17, (ANP) Members of the Tuskegee Institute choir, one hundred strong, with William L. Dawson conducting, entertained President Hoover, the members of his cabinet and other prominent officials in a concert in the White House Friday at noon.

The choir had just come from its Carnegie hall triumph in New York City Wednesday night.

Many of the songs used in the program Wednesday night were sung for Mr. Hoover who expressed himself as being delighted with the singing. Mrs. Hoover also listened. When the singers had finished, cabinet members and others forgot their dignity and burst into applause.

Within the course of a month, the choir has thus sung for both President elect Roosevelt and President Hoover, indicating the high regard which both men have for the work being done at Tuskegee.

President Hoover Friday renewed his promise to visit Tuskegee in the near future. It is reported that he may become a trustee of the institution when he has left the White House.

Hunted For 17 Years Is Captured

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 17, (ANP) Jack Moore, whom the police have sought for 17 years for the alleged robbery of a freight car here, was arrested Sunday following the robbery of two homes and the severe cutting of a colored woman Sunday night. Unable to put up a bond of \$1,000, Moore was remanded to jail to wait until the next session of the county court.

Cradle Roll Mothers Club Entertained

The Cradle Roll Mothers' Club will meet next Thursday, February 23rd at the home of Mrs. W. C. Baity 1512-28th Avenue, at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as we have a lot of new business and a lot of new babies to be looked after.

We have a baby girl born to Prof. and Mrs. T. R. German, a baby boy born February 13th to Mr. and Mrs. Odell Jordan, 1508-28th Avenue, and a ten pound boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Wooten, whom they have named Harold Levon.

Now dear co-workers, be sure and report at the meeting next Thursday as we are late already lining up our year's program. The meetings have been so scattering, due to the inclemency of the weather, I'm sure mothers were afraid to expose their children to the weather, but we must get lined up at once because if we start too late, we will be late all the year.

Mrs. W. C. Baity, President, Mrs. Mildred Dunlap, Secretary.

Mrs. J. H. Bell of Memphis Tenn. was in Meridian on business last week. And visited the office of the Weekly Echo.

Leading Baptist Minister Demands That Rev. R. L. Young Apologize

The Rev. B. W. Coates, energetic pastor of Union Baptist Church, has demanded that I apologize to him for referring to him in last week's issue of the Echo.

In an article that appeared on the front page of last week's issue of the Echo under the caption "The Meridian Star Heading the Good Samaritan Campaign will Announce". The following statement with reference to Rev. Coates was made by me "According to Madam Rumor, Rev. Young and his members will have to take the back seat in Sunday Morning's Star. Rev. B. W. Coates is styled as King Fish in this month's drive". Rev. Coates became offended because of this statement and he came to my office Monday afternoon about 5:30 and stated that he did not appreciate the statement made by me and he wanted me to apologize. I readily apologized to Rev. Coates and said that since the article appeared through the columns of the Echo, "if you desire that I should do so, I will make an apology through the paper". His reply to me was "I would like for it to be done". May I say to the readers that I readily and humbly apologize to my friend and brother, Rev. Coates for referring to him as I did. If there was anything in my statement that caused him to feel that I had mistreated him I regret it.

I must admit that there was no intention on my part to reflect upon the dignity of Rev. Coates. I saw Rev. Coates Friday and I read the article to him myself. There was no intimation whatever that he was displeased with the article. We were together for practically one hour Saturday talking of first one thing and then another and still there was no intimation that he was displeased. He called me up Sunday morning and congratulated me -for winning the first prize the second time. I congratulated him for winning the second prize the second time. After a little chat over the telephone we said good by to each other with no intimation that he was displeased.

When he came to my office Monday afternoon and asked for an apology, it struck me as lightning from a clear sky. I could not imagine such. For a while I was breathless and when I did speak I said, "yes, Rev., I will gladly apologize." I had heard a number of people on the street referring to Rev. Coates as "King Fish" because of his activity and his hard work as a minister in the campaign. Those who referred to him as "King Fish" in my presence did not mean to reflect, but they were rather praising him and giving him credit as a real energetic pastor. And so that is all that I was doing. I have praised and congratulated my friend Rev. Coates to both white and colored for his untiring efforts to make his work a success. I meant no harm by referring to him as "King Fish." I just thought that the leader would be the BIG MAN in the contest and through MERE FUN he was referred to. I did not know who would win the first prize. In other words, whoever got the first prize would be "King Fish" among all of the contestants. I wish again to apologize and give myself the name "King Fish" since I, as pastor of Newell Chapel,

with my members and friends was awarded the first prize. I want to ask that I be styled as "King Fish".

I recall the war that was on some time ago between the Methodist and Baptist and I was referred to and so were Prof. and Mrs. Reese in many respectful joking ways and all of us were good sports. When I was in school playing basket ball, base ball, foot ball and tennis, I learned then to be a good sport. If I was on the winning side I was a good sport; if I was on the losing side I was a good sport.

An apology was demanded, thus I humbly and respectfully make it.

Roy L. Young, Pastor of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church

TO CLEAR STREETS OF ALL LOITERERS (By Meridian Star)

With arrest Tuesday night and conviction in the police court Wednesday morning of a negro youth charged with loitering on the streets, was said by Chief of Police M. H. Yarbrough to be the start of an effort on the part of the police department to break such violation of the city laws.

"From investigations that have been made and which are still being made a great number of the petty thefts about the city from parked automobiles and other places are due mainly to street loiterers," the police chief said.

From now on, Chief Yarbrough said the police have instructions to pick up loiterers, especially young negroes, wherever found at late hours of the night on the streets, either in the business or residential districts of Meridian.

The order also extends, the head of the police department said, to either day or night loiterers, white or black, who are unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves.

"It is believed that with breaking up the practice of loitering by irresponsible ones that much of the petty thieving that has given the police so much trouble and constantly jeopardizes property of citizens will end," the chief concluded.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Again, we want to appeal to our people through the columns of this paper to do their best to be law abiding citizens. Do your best to avoid being on the streets late hours at night. Do not be found loitering around on the streets during the day. Of course, we know that practically all of the people, both white and black, are now out of jobs. They can find nothing to do. If you are seen or found on the streets during the day and you have no job, make it your business to be in a hurry going somewhere trying to find a job. We would advise that those who have space enough around your homes to have a garden, do your best to have something planted in order that you might have something to subsist upon.

If you own your home find a little vacant spot on which to plant. If you rent, see the owner of the property and ask for at least a little space for a garden. It may be, by so doing, you will be able to save yourselves of embarrassment.

To my mind, it is cheaper to stay off the streets of Meridian than it is to have to work the streets of the city.

AL BROWN WINS ANOTHER

Paris, France, Feb. 17, (ANP) Al Brown, world's bantamweight champion, outpointed the French featherweight, Henri Pourtrain in a ten round bout Thursday night.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson is still on the sick list.

Rev. Conway Smith Doing Big Things In New Orleans

According to reports from Mr. Thomas J. Young, who spent some weeks in New Orleans, La., Rev. Conway Smith, one of the leading ministers in the C. M. E. Church is doing a great work in New Orleans. Mr. Young stopped in the home of Dr. Smith while in New Orleans and attended our church pastored by Dr. Smith. There is a general repair of the church being conducted through the untiring efforts of Dr. Smith. The interior and exterior will be renovated to the extent that the church will be a new church. Mr. Young reports that Rev. Smith has things well in hand in New Orleans and he has a loyal set of members.

Our church in New Orleans has been handicapped for some time, but it is predicted that under the leadership of Dr. Smith, there will be a change in the trend of affairs. The church is located on 3621 Dryades Street. When in New Orleans take a peep at the great work that Dr. Smith is doing. Mr. Young reports that he was royally entertained by Rev. Smith and his good wife.

A FIRST CLASS NEGRO NEWS PAPER MERIDIAN WORLD; FIRST ISSUE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

According to information received as well as information from a circular circulated in the city Meridian will be happy recipient of an interesting weekly paper, namely, the Meridian World. This paper is to be a twenty page treat for our people at 10c per copy. According to the circulars distributed, this paper will carry all of the latest national news and all of the local news of our city.

The Weekly Echo wishes to congratulate the promoters of this new weekly for our city. We are informed that Messrs Johnnie Wesley White and James Crawford are possibly the managers, editors etc. If so, we hope for them in their new adventure untold success. We want to urge our people to read the Meridian World. Patronize the Meridian World. If the efforts on the part of these young men are to be a success, the Meridian public must support them. Our experience in newspaper work has taught us that without cooperation, success cannot be obtained. We have had at least fifteen years of experience in newspaper publication and there is some knowledge that we have gained that can only be obtained through experience. Congratulations to the managers and operators of the Meridian World. Subscribe for the Meridian World and know what is going on.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Little Cora Lee Tillman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tillman celebrated her ninth birthday Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Her mother surprised her with a party, and all of her little friends. Twenty-six in number were there to wish little Cora Lee many happy returns of the day. Jello, Cake, Peanuts, Candy and Gum were served. Little Cora Lee received many beautiful gifts.

Editor of the South Western Christian Advocate

COMING TO MERIDIAN

Dr. A. P. Shaw, the Editor of the South Western Christian Advocate will preach four sermons in the City February 26th, 1933. At 11:00 O'Clock at Haven Chapel, with Rev. G. W. Johnson; 1:30 P. M. at Bontia, with Rev. J. B. Brooks; 3:00 P. M. at Rose Hill, with Rev. A. Nelson; 7:30 P. M. South Side, with Rev. H. J. Riley.

Monday night February 27th Dr. Shaw will lecture at St. Paul when all the churches and pastor will come together. Rev. M. T. J. Howard, pastor. All members and friends are invited. Rev. L. E. Johnson, D. Supt.

Bishop Carter's Visit Highly Enjoyed

Bishop R. A. Carter of Chicago, Illinois, was in the city last Saturday and Sunday. The two sermons preached by Bishop Carter Sunday were highly enjoyed. The Bishop preached two strong sermons. The members and friends who were present have been commeting on those sermons all the week. The pastor and Newell Chapel, members and friend hope to hear Bishop Carter again. Bishop Carter is one of the strong Bishop on the bench.

Mrs Claud Williams Heads Campaign

Mrs. C. W. Williams, wife of Mr. Claud Williams, according to reports, is heading the campaign of St. Paul M. E. Church. Miss Emma B. Ivy informed the editor that Mrs. Williams has the honor of heading this campaign instead of herself. Mrs. Williams is one of the strong workers of St. Paul. Mrs. Williams should be congratulated for heading the contest the second month in which she rolled up a total of 109,214 votes. The editor saw Mrs. Williams on the streets yesterday full of smiles and cheer. She congratulated us for winning the first prize the second time and we congratulated her for coming in late and capturing the third prize.

MERIDIAN

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in the Weekly Echo for a few line. Our Sunday School is steadily marching on up the hills and over the sea and on our way to Gallie.

Do we want companions to go along with us? Certainly, yes indeed we do. We are driving out old satan placing in the Lord, Looking ever upward where the Savior has trod.

What are we to do about the work of the Lord? Are we to let it go dead? No, lift high your blessed Savior's word, for He is able to carry you through the trials that are to come.

Did you know that the Sunday school of any and every church is called the body system of the church? Did you know that West Mt. is going to the top? Yes, indeed it is. We are glad to have visitors at any and all times.

Yours in Christ,

Rance John Albert Cole, Asst. Supt.

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